



Class 4

Spring 2 has arrived. It will be July before we know it! We have lots of things to look forward to this half term, including World Book Day and our trip to Murton Park to spend a day in the life of a Roman.

English

Firstly, we will be picking an animal to write a non-chronological report about. We will be using lots of technical vocabulary and organising our writing into categories such as habitat and appearance. Later on in the half term, we will be using the story of Flat Stanley to inspire some writing. Keep a look out for a replica of Flat Stanley to be sent home in your child's book bag!

In GPS, we will be tackling the thorny issue of apostrophes for possession. Where do they go? Does a plural noun affect where they are positioned in a word?

Maths

We are continuing to look at geometry for the first couple of weeks, solving problems involving quadrilaterals and triangles as well as revising our knowledge of 3D shapes. Later, we will spend some time learning about area and perimeter as well as angles. Underpinning all this will be continued practise of the four operations and a push on learning all our times tables.

Topic and Computing

In our Romans topic, we are moving on to look at Hadrian's Wall and the reasons this was built. After that, we will look at the different Roman gods and goddesses. Also, we will be experiencing a day in the life of a Roman at Murton Park.

In computing, we will continue using Logo to create designs before moving on to some animation.

Science and Art

In science, we are learning how to classify living things into different categories. Your child will learn what defines a mammal, how you can decide if an animal is a reptile or not and what the difference is between a flowering and non-flowering plant. In art, we are learning about LS Lowry.

PHSE and RE

In RE, we will continue to look at inspirational leaders across various religions.

In PHSE we will look at how to value differences and see other people's point of view.

PE

We will be going swimming on a Friday afternoon throughout this year.

PE is on a Wednesday morning this half term and we are learning some football skills with the sports coach.

Your child will need a **fully-labelled** PE kit, including correct footwear, in school for these days in order to participate. As per the school policy, long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up during PE.

Important Dates this half term:

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Monday 1st April – Murton Park Trip

Monday 8th April – Open learning day from 2pm.

Friday 12th April – Break up for Easter



Spellings in Year 4

In Year 3 and 4, there are 100 spellings that children are expected to spell correctly in their writing. These words are part of the National Curriculum and are seen as words that 7-9 year olds commonly misspell. I will be sending some of them home for your children to learn for spelling tests over the course of the next few weeks, but I expect them to spell them correctly in their writing, which is often much harder!

To help your child with these spellings, you should encourage them to proofread their own work carefully and become familiar with words they misspell themselves. I have provided a list of the words below.

accident	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
accidentally	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actual	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
actually	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
address	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forward(s)	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	surprise
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	though
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	although
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	thought
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	through
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	various
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	weight
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	woman
centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign	women

Thank you, as always, for your support.

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